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United States Department of Justice
Attn: Ms. Renata B. Hesse
Antitrust Division
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Ms. Hesse:

I am writing to you in support of the recent Department of Justice settlement with the Microsoft Corporation.

The country is at war, the economy is sour and the business community is struggling. Yet, the U.S. Department of Justice is spending millions of dollars in time and resources on the Microsoft settlement.

I believe it has been a waste of taxpayers dollars, my understanding is that it has cost us over \$30 million. This has been a competitor driven lawsuit and it has hampered high tech innovation. If Microsoft's competitors would spend time and money on their own research and development, instead of this lawsuit, all consumers would benefit.

Enough is enough, let's settle this lawsuit and move forward. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Friske
Events Director